

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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Human Capital Index
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the India was ranked low at globally on a world-wide Human Capital Index released by Geneva based World Economic Forum in June this year;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether China, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Sri Lanka are positioned above India in this Index; and
(d) if so, the reasons for India's poor performance in this regard and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (c) As per the Human Capital Report 2016, brought out by the World Economic Forum, overall rankings of Sri Lanka, China, Bangladesh and India based on Human Capital Index, 2016 are as under:-

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| Name of the country | Overall Score | Overall Rank |
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| Sri Lanka | 71.69 | 50 |
| China | 67.81 | 71 |
| Bangladesh | 57.84 | 104 |
| India | 57.73 | 105 |

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(d): As per the report, Human Capital Index quantifies development and deployment of human capital in selected countries and tracks the progress overtime. The composite index has been prepared by taking factors like levels of education, skills and employment opportunities available to the people in distinct age groups.

Although a substantial portion of the metrics used for constructing the Human Capital Index depended on subjective opinions from the Executive Opinion Survey and opinion gathered from the country's business community, Government has taken various measures for improving the literacy levels and ensuring quality of education and development of skills of people for better employment. This may result in better ranking in future.
